



Education at Work Scholarship Program

ATC Students
Among 34
Receiving
Education at Work
Scholarships



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Four ATC students from across the state were presented Education at Work Scholarships during a recent program held in the Capitol Rotunda in Frankfort.

Trent Willoughby of Webster Co. ATC, Jerry Evans of Martin Co. ATC, Byron Eldridge of Letcher Co. ATC and Kory Miller of Nelson Co. ATC were named to the list of this year's scholarship winners out of 200 applicants.

The scholarships, which started in 1999, are given each year by the Department for Workforce Investment.

Kentuckians qualify for the scholarships by using one of the services of the Education Cabinet's Department for Workforce Investment or Kentucky Adult Education in the Council on Postsecondary Education. Services include vocational rehabilitation, adult learning centers, GED preparation, secondary Kentucky Tech schools, unemployment insurance, job placement, dislocated worker and/or Workforce Investment Act assistance.

Scholarship applicants were required to write an essay on Kentucky's new 'Unbridled Spirit' brand and how it relates to their educational and career goals.

The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books and lab and technology fees. To date, the cabinet has awarded 180 scholarships totaling \$90,000 for postsecondary education.

The ceremony marking the recognition of the scholarship recipients was attended by Governor Ernie Fletcher, Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia Fox and Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura Owens.

"Each of you have taken a different road, but eventually you arrived at the same intersection in life," said Governor Fletcher. "In this intersection, each of you realized that your life journey would be better by continuing your education. You truly personify the value that all Kentuckians must place on education."



Pictured above from left: Education Cabinet Secretary Virginia Fox, Department for Workforce Investment Commissioner Laura Owens, scholarship recipient Trent Willoughby and Governor Ernie Fletcher.

Trent Willoughby

Trent attended Webster Co. High School and the Webster Co. ATC where he studied machine tool technology, welding and technology education.

His many awards and recognitions included Distinguished and Proficient CATS Scores Award for 2003 and 2004, Outstanding Student in Machine Tool Technology and the Biology Award.

In his essay Trent wrote, "It is amazing what you can accomplish when you have the determination and commitment to excel. Your wings must be broad and able to soar high so that your dreams may be set in motion."

Byron Eldridge

Byron was a student at Whitesburg High School and the Letcher Co. ATC where he studied diesel technology, carpentry and welding.

Byron served as the vice-president of his local SkillsUSA chapter and is currently attending the Hazard Community and Technical College where he is studying to be an auto body repairman.

He stated in his essay that as a child he had always dreamed of being Superman when he grew up.

"I have outgrown my idea of being Superman but still feel the need to soar to new heights," said Byron. "The way that I can soar to new heights is through my education."

Kory Miller

Kory was a student at Nelson Co. High School and studied various subjects at the Nelson Co. ATC including carpentry, computer aided drafting and welding.

He participated in many clubs while in high school including SkillsUSA, Technology Students of America and the Student Council.

Kory has also devoted much of his time to community service organizations including the Crusade for Children, Salvation Army and the Make a Wish Foundation.

"I'm determined to accomplish my goals in life to become an engineer," said Kory in his essay. "I'm glad the Nelson Co. ATC has provided me with a substantial foundation in my life." Kory will be attending Morehead State University and study engineering.



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Jerry Evans

Jerry was a student at Sheldon Clark High School and a carpentry and office technology student at the Martin Co. ATC. He plans to attend Mayo Technical College and study carpentry.

He was an active member of his SkillsUSA chapter and served as a peer tutor for his carpentry instructor, Michael Jude.

Jerry's essay included this statement: "I can do anything I want and all my dreams will come true if I really want them. I will push beyond my boundaries and go as far as I want to go."